Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What has become of that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Nothing definite has been settled about it.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Will the Government be pleased to carry on the necessary negotiations with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Steps to combat Small-pox in Cranganur.

641. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a detailed statement regarding their activities to combat the recent attack of small-pox in each of the villages of Cranganur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—*Eriyad.* It was in this village that the disease was at its worst. In all 27 attacks and 8 deaths have been reported from here. An intensive vaccination campaign was carried on here and as many as 793 cases were vaccinated. The poor patients were fed at Government expense and a sum of Rs. 4—4—0 has been spent on that account. The epidemic is subsiding.

Methala. There have been 8 attacks, but no death has been reported from this village. The inhabitants of this village were evincing a spirit of opposition in the matter of vaccinatinn, still by perusasion, 114 were vaccinated. It is expected that by the enforcement of compulsory vaccination a still larger number will be protected soon.

Pulloot. Two attacks and one death from small-pox have been reported from this village. The people were quite repugnant to the idea of vaccination, and as such only 19 vaccination cases could be done; still vaccination is being carried on. Here also the rules of compulsory vaccination are being enforced.

Lokamaleswaram. One case of small-pox has just occurred here and vaccination campaign has been started. The work is being pushed on in spite of the spirit of unwillingness on the part of a great majority. Only 27 cases of vaccination have been done so far. The rules of compulsory vaccination will have to be enforced here also.

Azhikode. Information having just been received of the outbreak of small-pox in Azhikode, necessary prophylactic measures are being taken to check the spread of the disease.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the sub-section, Azhikode—May I know whether any information has been received by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Not till now.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With reference to Eriad may I know what is the population of that village?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got the figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the whole question may I know whether any new Regulation has been enforced by the Government for vaccination in non-Municipal areas?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, the Municipal Regulation has been extended to non-Municipal areas.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—According to that everybody has to be vaccinated.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why only a limited number of vaccinations could be undertaken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is rather difficult to enforce the Regulation like that very arbitrarily.

Competition between line boat owners.

642. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question 252, dated 3rd of Dhanu 1107, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any instances of cut-throat-competition have come in their notice in the interval;

(b) what has been the lowest line-boat fare between Alleppey and Ernakulam within the last three months and why;

(c) what the Government intend to do to regulate such ruinous competitions?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) None.

(b) Re. 1 for first class; annas ten for 2nd class; annas six for 3rd class.

The latter part of the question is not clear and so it is not possible to answer it.

(c) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (a)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the charges quoted here have been given after any enquiry after receiving this letter or on any previous information?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The charge has been fixed in consultation with the motor boat owners.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about the actual fare. That is the purport of the question. It is not what the Government did. What is the actual?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as my information goes the actuals are these figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That is why I was asking whether any particular enquiry was made before answering this question, apart from the general suggestion of the Government that it was so.

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